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SUBJECT: U.S MILITARY DELIVERIES TO ETHIOPIA

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1. IN RESPONDING TO PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI'S INTEREST IN
U.S. MILITARY DELIVERIES TO ETHIOPIA, YOU MAY INFORM
HIM IN CONFIDENCE THAT THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT HAS
CONTRACTED FOR THE PURCHASE OF SEVERAL ITEMS WHICH ARE
SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY IN 1977. THE MAJOR ITEMS
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INCLUDE SEVEN 105-FOOT PATROL BOATS (TO BE DELIVERED IN
77/78), THE REMAINING EIGHT OF SIXTEEN F-5E AIRCRAFT
(EIGHT WERE DELIVERED IN MARCH 1976), A SMALL NUMBER OF
RECOILLESS RIFLES AND A RADAR WARNING SYSTEM. YOU
MIGHT ALSO NOTE THAT SINCE THE ETHIOPIAN FORCES ARE
EQUIPPED WITH U.S. WEAPONS, THE EPMG SUBMITS PERIODIC
REQUESTS TO PURCHASE AMMUNITION.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT OUR POLICY HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN EQUILIBRIUM IN THE HORN. WE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO PERSEVERE IN THIS RESPECT BY A NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES, SOME OF WHICH STILL WISH US TO MAINTAIN A RELATIONSHIP DESPITE THE CURRENT ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD US. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE

TAKING ETHIOPIAN DEVELOPMENTS INTO ACCOUNT, AND ARE GIVING CLOSE SCRUTINY TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EPMG. IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO, YOU MAY WISH TO INFORM AL-HAMDI OF THE U.S. DECISION NOT TO PROVIDE ANY MAP MATERIEL FUNDING IN FY 78 (EXCEPT FOR SUPPLY OPERATIONS), IN PART BECAUSE OF THE EPMG'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT ANY FUTURE EPMG REQUESTS, FOR DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF RESULTS OF ADMINISTRATI&N'S CURRENT REVIEW OF OUR GLOBAL ARMS TRANSFER POLICY. VANCE

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